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Florida House of Representatives Honors Legacy of Former Representative Kristin Jacobs

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (March 18, 2021) — Today, Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, joined Members of the Florida House of Representatives in honoring former Coconut Creek House Democrat Kristin Jacobs, who lost her battle to cancer in 2020 after six years of service in the Florida House.

Closing out the floor session, Members voted to pass HB 217 unanimously. The legislation, sponsored by Representative Christine Hunschofsky, D-Parkland, honors Representative Jacobs by directing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to erect suitable markers designating the South Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area as the “Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem.”

After closing remarks, the Speaker honored Representative Jacobs with a special tribute video in her memory.



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“I had the great privilege to serve with Representative Jacobs, and I will always remember her as a passionate champion for environmental conservation and dedicated public servant,” Speaker Sprowls said. “On behalf of all of the Members and staff who knew and loved her, I am proud to see this bill pass in her memory. May we always celebrate her dedication, her brilliant spirit of bipartisanship and the wonderful work she did for our state.”

“Conservation for former Representative Kristin Jacobs was always about more than protecting our environment; it was about protecting our way of life, access to clean water, sustainable food sources, recreational opportunities and more,” said Representative Hunschofsky. “That is why naming a reef system after my dear friend Kristin is the right thing for us to do here today. Thank you Mr. Speaker and to everyone who helped make today a reality for our state and for our colleague Kristin Jacobs.”

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